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TO: Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

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RE: Great Streets Initiative – November 2016 Concept Plans for Main Street & City Hall Park

DATE: November 30, 2016

The Great Streets Initiative is a culmination of many years of planning and project development, including the public vote in March of 2015 to use the City's downtown TIF district to make new investments in the downtown public infrastructure, to ensure that Burlington residents have a downtown that is a vibrant, walkable and sustainable urban center. Through this initiative, we'll advance several key projects envisioned by plans such as *Imagine City Hall Park*, *planBTV Downtown & Waterfront*, the *2011 Transportation Plan*, and the City's first *planBTV Walk/Bike*.

The Great Streets Initiative premise is to work with citizens, stakeholders and officials of Burlington on these three separate projects:

1. **Downtown Street Standards:** This project will create a palette of urban elements and standard dimensions that will lead to downtown streets that are beautiful, practical, affordable, sustainable, and appropriate for downtown Burlington from Pearl to Maple and Union to Battery.
2. **Main Street / St. Paul Street Plans:** This project will apply those standards in a concept plan for the redesign of six blocks of Main Street from Union to Battery, and two segments of St. Paul Street from Main to Maple. This effort will culminate in the construction of two key segments of Main Street between Pine and Church.
3. **City Hall Park Plans:** This project continues the effort to reconstruct the only public park in downtown Burlington. The Great Streets Initiative advances the schematic designs from the 2011-2012 [Imagine City Hall Park](#) engagement process, and will culminate in the much anticipated reconstruction of the park.

Update

The Great Streets Initiative launched in July 2016, with public presentations in September and November. The September presentation discussed conditions and goals regarding downtown's built environment that have been

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synthesized from myriad plans and the consulting team's analysis, and solicited the community's feedback on elements that should be considered both for the Main Street concept plan and the standards for all of downtown Burlington. The November presentation included preliminary concept plans for the six blocks of Main Street and for City Hall Park. Video recordings and PDF downloads of the presentations from September and November are available at www.greatstreetsbtv.com

It is anticipated that the current phase of work will conclude in early 2017; this phase includes 25% plans for Main Street / St. Paul Street, 25% plans for City Hall Park, and 100% development of the Downtown Street Standards. We anticipate that these projects will proceed into the next phase in spring 2017, which will be to develop 100% construction documents for the first two blocks of Main Street (Church to Pine) and for City Hall Park, and for construction to begin on these separate projects in spring 2018.

Input on Concept Plans

The City is currently soliciting feedback on these plans from the public, through December 9, on the Great Streets website listed above. Additionally, the City is seeking input and endorsements from the following Boards and Commissions:

- December 6, 5:30pm, Parks Commission (City Hall Park & Main Street Plans)
- December 7, 5pm, Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee (Main Street Plan)
- December 13, 3pm, Design Advisory Board (City Hall Park Plan)
- December 13, 4pm, Parks, Arts and Culture Committee (City Hall Park & Main Street Plans)
- December 13, 6:30pm, Planning Commission (City Hall Park & Main Street Plans)
- December 20, 4pm, Accessibility Committee (City Hall Park & Main Street Plans)
- December 20, 5pm, Development Review Board (City Hall Park Plans)
- December 21, 6:30pm, Public Works Commission (Main Street Plan)

During the upcoming TEUC meeting, the Great Streets Initiative's project managers will present the concept plans for Main Street and City Hall Park as well as a summary of public and stakeholder input received to-date. The TEUC is requested to endorse these plans, and provide any other input to the project management team that will be helpful in guiding refinements per the schedule above.

If you have additional questions about the Great Streets Initiative or any of the individual efforts included in this phase of work, please feel free to contact any of the project managers directly:

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Thank you.

Main Street Concept Plan
What Burlingtonians have said they'd like to see on the street

PRIVATE ➔ ← PUBLIC ➔



Retail
Frontage



Clear
Walkway



Tree Belt /
Furnishings



Bike Path &
Buffer



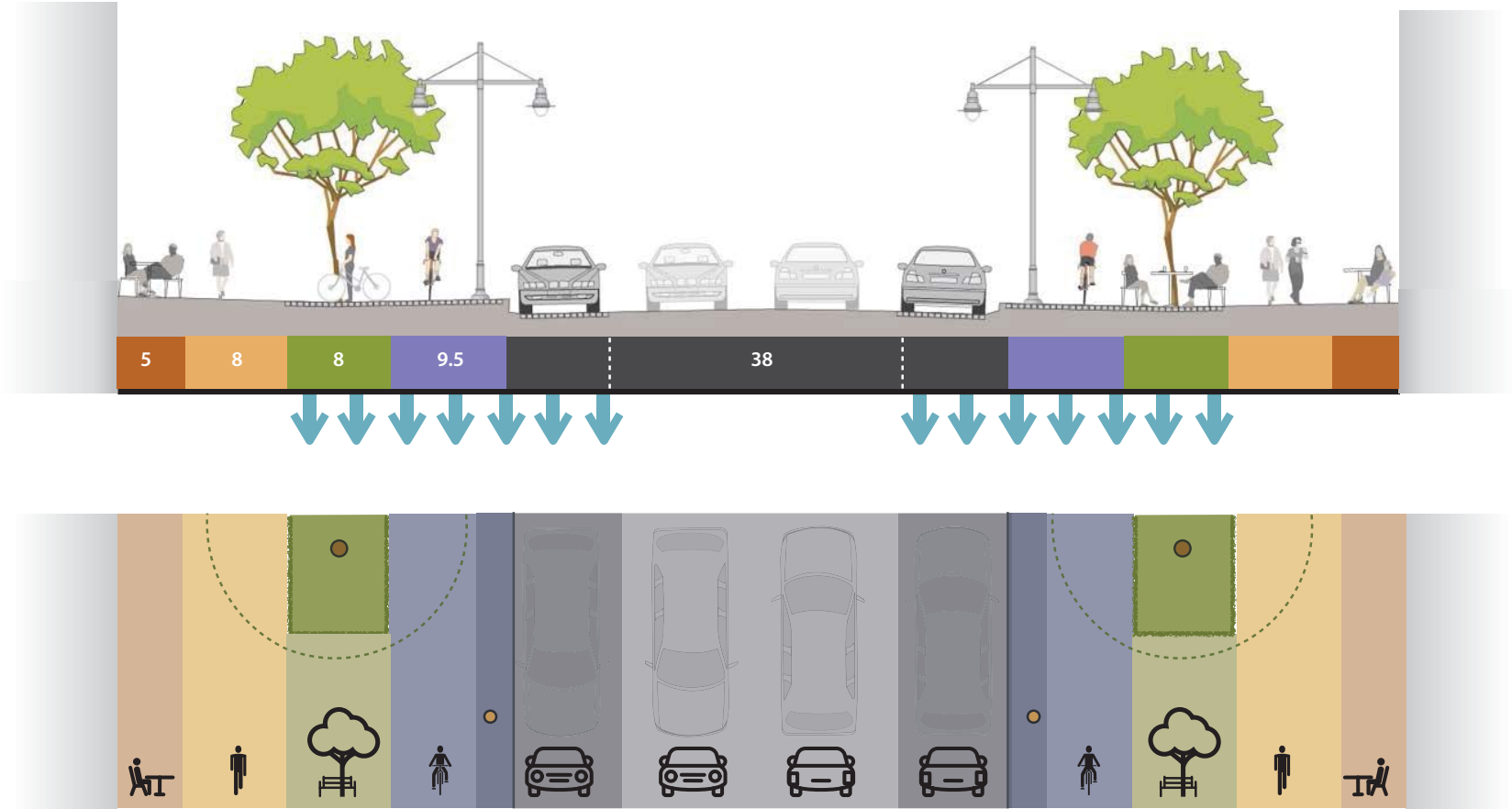
Stormwater /
Rain Gardens



Parking /
Roadway

Main Street Concept Plan
Improving the Public Right-of-Way

Proposed Street
Parallel Parking 2 Sides



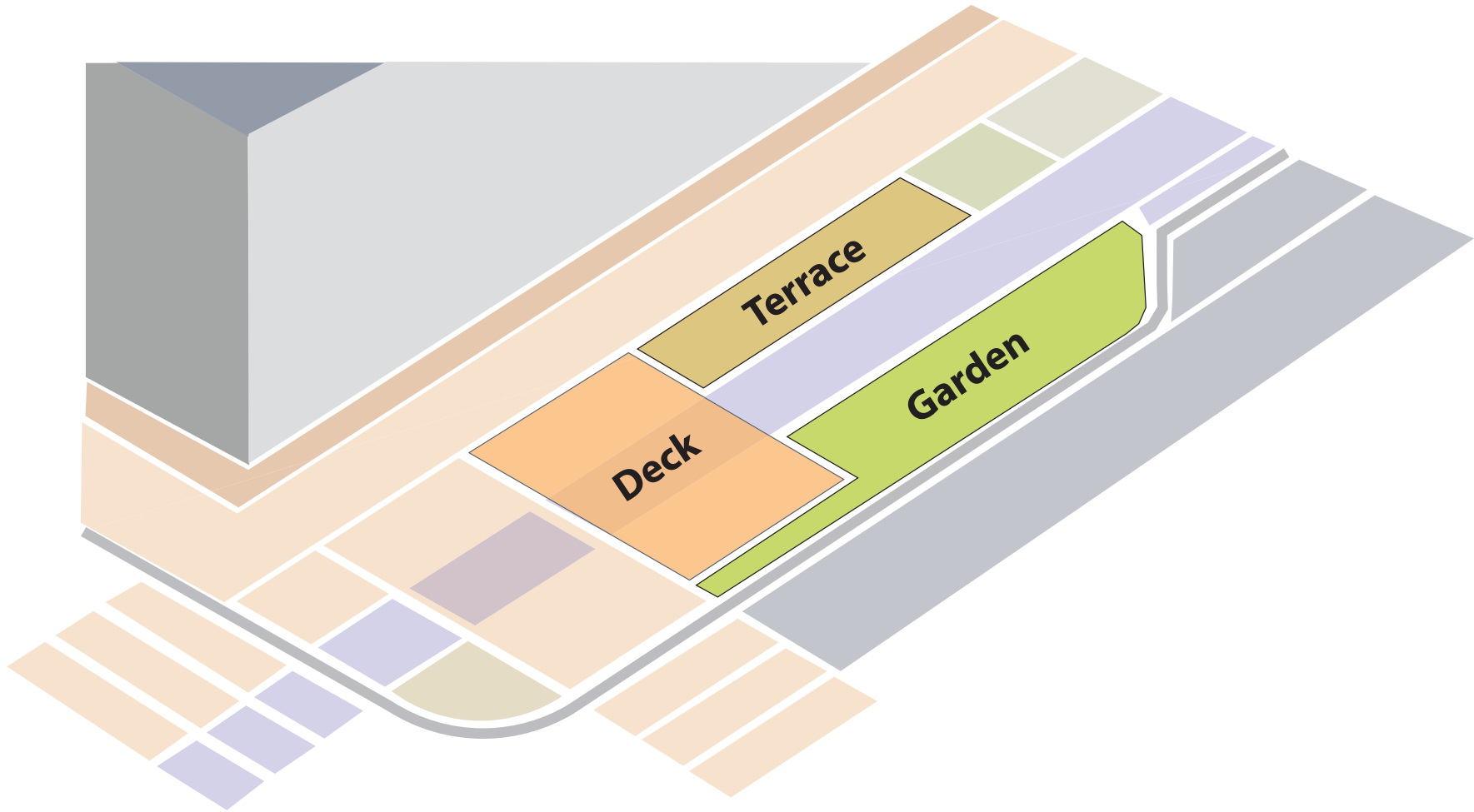
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Main Street Concept Plan - Nov. 14, 2016

Main Street Concept Plan
Overview of proposed Main Street concept



Main Street Concept Plan
Intersections

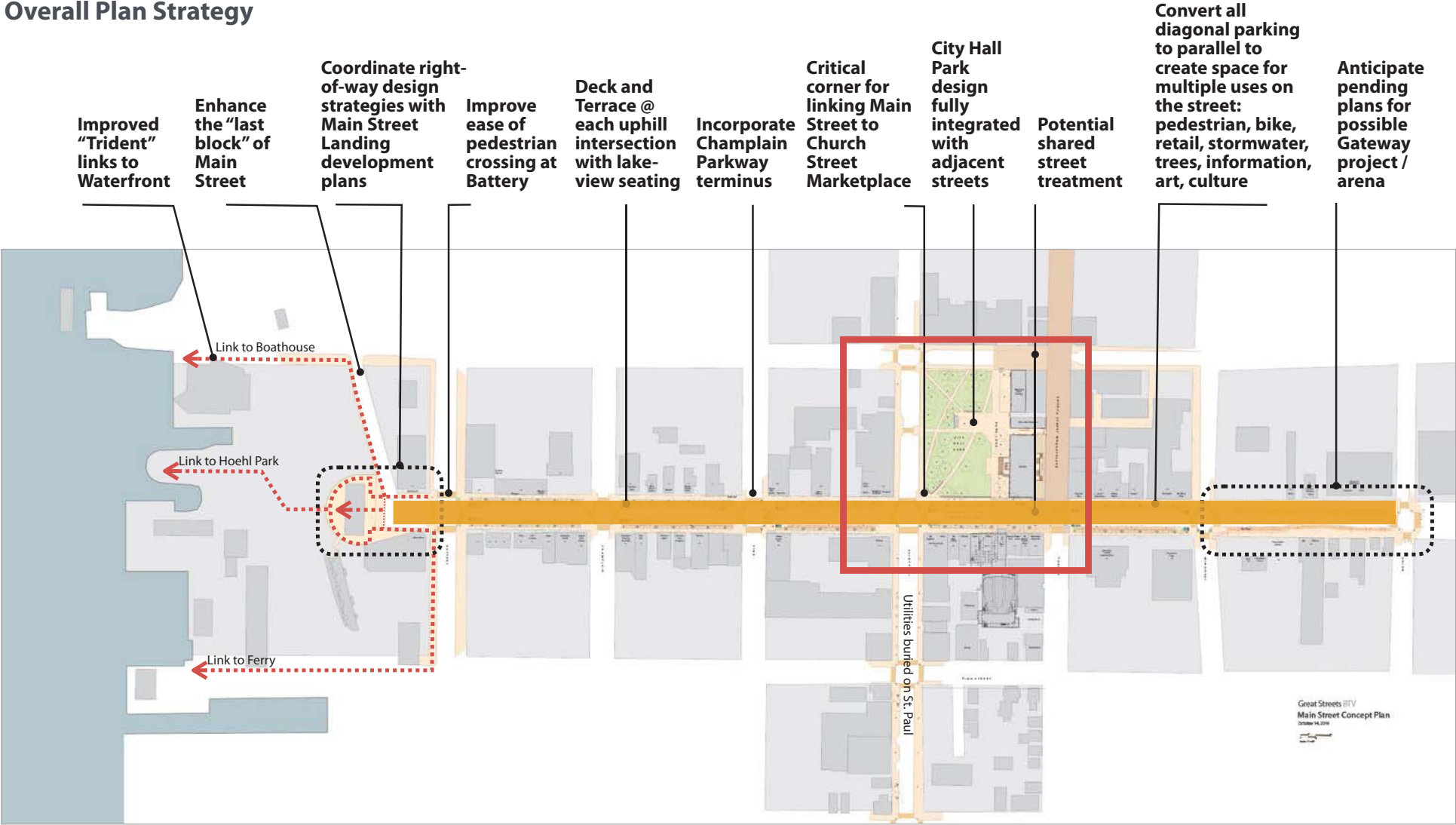


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Overall Plan Strategy



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Main Street Concept Plan
Proposed: The South Edge of City Hall Park

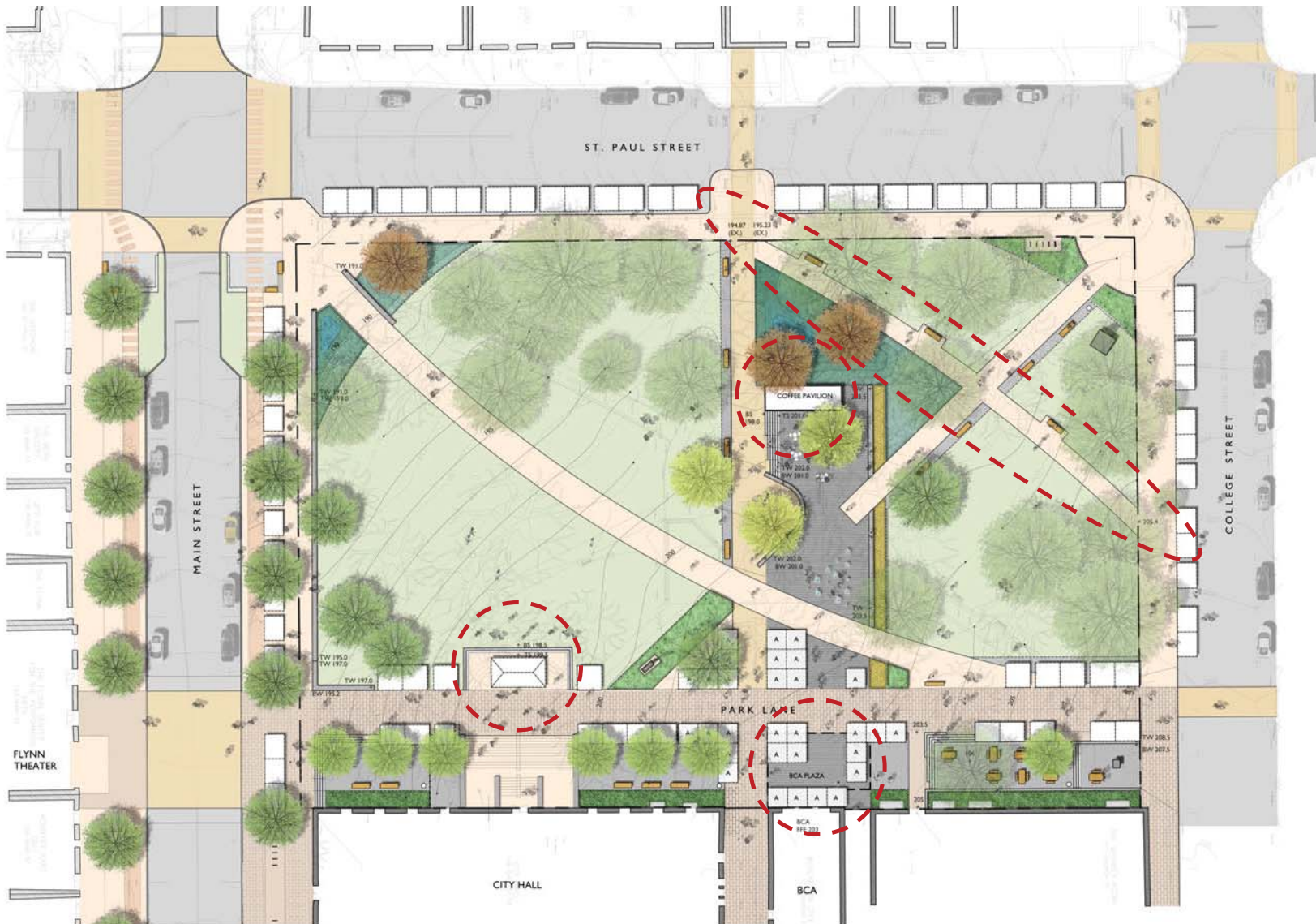


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Program Discussion



Performance space

Mid block pathway

Pavilion

Bathrooms